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Republican budget fails to move Arizona forward

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Senate Democratic Caucus leadership released the following statement on the Republican budget passed out of the Senate today.

Senate Democratic Leader Anna Tovar (District 19):

“The Senate budget passed today, April Fool's Day, is sadly not a joke and does not move Arizona forward. It fails to address the needs of Arizona families, our kids' schools, our state's crumbling roads and it leaves our most vulnerable children with nothing but an empty promise,” said Sen. Tovar.

“We began this session knowing that child welfare was the top priority, but the best this Republican budget can do is state an intent to revisit the issue later. That won't help the children currently living in unsafe environments.

“This budget also ignores funding for the preventative services that keep families together and children out of harm's way. This penny-wise and pound-foolish philosophy sets us up to spend far more when these kids end up in the CPS system.

“A critical part of moving Arizona forward is ensuring our children are prepared to succeed in the 21st century economy. With cuts to district charter schools and lack of investment in higher education priorities, however, our public schools and universities are once again being left behind by this Legislature.

“Democrats presented common sense amendments to address the needs of Arizonans but Republicans lacked the political will to stand with us and pass a moral budget that truly moves Arizona forward.”

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